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On July 8, 2002

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ian MacLachlan, et al.

Application No.: 09/243,102

Filed: February 2, 1999

For: SYSTEMIC DELIVERY OF
SERUM STABLE PLASMID LIPID
PARTICLES FOR CANCER THERAPY

Examiner: J. Zara

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.114

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

EXAMINING GROUP 1635

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2001 and the Advisory Action mailed April 25, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit this amendment and request continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. A Petition for a two month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before July 8, 2002. Applicants believe the current amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 35-46.

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